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As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**METHOD FOR ISOLATING DNA FROM
BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS**

the specification of which:

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